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THIRTEENTH YEAR.

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Work on the Osage River.

The good little steamer "Osage" a government boat, has been very busy on the river during the past few days, towing the dredge boat, quarter boat and a barge of coal up the river a short distance above Bagnell. The government will do a great amount of work on the Osage river this summer. It will thoroughly clean out the river bed of all obstructions that may hinder navigation of steamers and all water craft, and will also deepen the channels of the various shoals and rebuild, raise and repair the dams that may need work of any kind. The dredge is under the supervision of George King, of Osage City, while the wheel of the "Osage" is handled by Capt. John Adcock, of near this place who is one of the best pilots on the river.

In a few weeks a force of fifty or sixty men will be employed in this work which will be a lift to our day laborers of this vicinity.—Tusculum Autogram.

A Linen Shower.

One of the most pleasant and enjoyable entertainments among the younger set was that given by Miss Young Salmon in honor of her friend Miss Prissie McClannahan at the residence of Judge Salmon and wife on Maple Avenue, Wednesday afternoon from two to five o'clock. It was a "Linen Shower" and Miss McClannahan received many beautiful and useful presents which will probably adorn her future home on the beautiful Osage River. Those present were as follows: Misses Willie Gunn, Jennie Young, Joe Bond, Nina Mason, Beulah Hubbard, Fae Long, Ada Beard, Gabe Spurlock, Mrs. Paul Spurlock and Mrs. Joseph Howell. About four thirty a splendid luncheon was served and at five all left for home after many expressions of best wishes.

The Millinery Bazar

is the place to get your Fourth of July hat reduced prices on flowers, hats and ribbons.

N. E. MOUNTS.

Wanted.

What this paper needs right now is a "costume describer." Some one that can tell what's worn by the ladies at the numerous functions being held in this city. These society events are now going at the rate of two and three a week and we feel that the costumes, many of them being beautiful, ought to be more fully set forth but we only have one "horse and automobile reporter" and he don't know a "Polonaise" from a "Hobble" and we are afraid to let him start in. We really believe that he would take the "power" off if he were to try but one mistake would put us out of business.

Let us thank our lucky stars that we were educated before there was an effort to make learning picturesque. Those of us who weep over "Reading Without Tears" have reaped one advantage; we can at least write a letter without looking in the dictionary.

Beverly Devinna, who is attending the University at Columbia, is home for the summer vacation.

Mrs. R. Q. Kelly and daughter Lucy returned home last week from a visit to relatives at Boonville.

Misses Betty and Fredia Kistenmacher, of Pilot Grove, are visiting their Aunt Mrs. Geo. Ide of this city, and sister, Mrs. Jos. Williams, north of town.

Lost Art of Spelling.

In the memory of some of us who are not grandmothers, spelling was taught by a graduated system beginning

with the phonic value of the letters. The spelling books—we recognize it now—were designed to make learning easy. Long lists of words of similar sound but with different initial letters were given, and possibly with one or two exceptions or variations sandwiched in. The ear and the mind, from frequent repetition, grew accustomed to a certain combination, and, once learned, it was never forgotten.

Today I took up the spelling book of a child just out of the kindergarten and an attempt to hear his lesson what do I see? A list of "Things to Use on the Table." H: spells "bread," "salt" and "plates" correctly, and sticks at "knives." He back, studies it again and again sticks at "knives." Why should knives be spelled as it is? He cannot understand. The fact that it is something to use on the table does not help him. I turn to the preface of the book and see if I can find what Rossetti would call "the fundamental brain work" underlying the system, and learn that spelling, forsooth, should be taught "by an association of ideas!" Now, spelling is not an association of ideas, it is an association of sounds. If you teach it by association of the idea of sound, well and good. Why should the child be robbed of the help which association of sound would give him? Why should each word be made an exception and have to be learned by a distinct mental process? Why are the theories of Pestolozzi and Froebel thus clumsily misapplied.

The farmers of the old-fashioned memory systems depends on the association of ideas, and justly so, for they taught lists of unrelated words. They would have been the last to depend on it for the teaching of English spelling. They would have to claim the help of the linked chain of similar sound.



Dr. Peter Geo. Woods,
Candidate for Representative
Subject to Democratic Primary, Aug., 1912.

Another Shower.

One of the most elaborate and beautiful entertainments ever given in this city, was the "White Shower" given by Mrs. Samuel Daniels at her home on Washington street Tuesday from three to five thirty in the afternoon, in honor of Miss Lillie Schaper. About sixty ladies were present, whose names we have not had time to secure. This was one of the largest and most pleasant gatherings among the numerous entertainments given this season. The home was most beautifully decorated in white and green and the afternoon was most happily and pleasantly spent. At five o'clock a three course luncheon was served and all those present speak most highly of the manner in which the hostess planned and so nicely took care of the large assemblage. Many and numerous and valuable presents were received and Mrs. Daniels can well congratulate herself on her splendid generalship in taking care of so many and making it so pleasant for all.

For Sale

I have for sale the following at bargain prices. One Remington No. 7 nearly new Typewriter, to make quick sale will sell for \$25.00. One Cadillac two passenger Automobile. Just the thing for a mail carrier, brand new engine, and in good shape. A big bargain \$95.00. One bicycle, brand new with best tires money can buy, coaster brake cost new \$35.00 will sacrifice for \$25.00. One heating stove, cost new \$22.50 goes for \$12. One 2 x 7 Prema Camera, and outfit over \$50.00 worth of stuff. \$35.00 gets it. One 4 year old horse, gentle, and sound. 16 hands high, one nearly new rubber tire stanhope, with lamps, one set brass mounted harness an outfit easy worth \$275.00 or \$300.00 quick sale \$105.00. My reason for selling the above stuff, is that I have not the time to take care of, or use them. Write or see.

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